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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the references, copies enclosed, which may qualify as prior art. For the Examiner's convenience, the references are listed on the attached Patent and Trademark Office form PTO-1449. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not included, but will be provided upon request. Copies of seventy four references are enclosed herewith. For the sake of convenience, however, electronic submission of the references is carried out in two separate EFS submissions.

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